

[Kumari Mamta Benerjee]
application fee. This system of asking for postal orders or applications fees should, therefore, be immediately discontinued, to help the poor young men. This will bring some solace and mental peace to the unemployed young men suffering from the pangs of unemployment, and will enable them to apply for jobs freely.

[*Translation*]

(iv) Demand for restarting the Chilhati Cement Factory, Bilaspur

DR. PRABHAT KUMAR MISHRA (Janjgir): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, for meeting the continuously rising demand of cement in the country production capacity is being augmented. Many cement factories have been set up in the Chattisgarh region of Madhya Pradesh. The private sector cement plants are running efficiently but the proposed Chilhati Cement plant in Bilaspur district which was to be run by SAIL many years ago is still pending. Thousands of acres of land was acquired but it is lying waste. As per the earlier decision the Chilhati Cement Plant was to be handed over to CCI but till date nothing has happened. The people of this predominantly Harijan and backward area had great expectations regarding the development of the area as a result of the setting up of the Chilhati Cement Plant. I therefore, urge the Ministry of Industry to immediately commission the Chilhati Cement Plant.

(v) Demand for implementing the schemes for rural electrification in Ganjam district of Orissa

[*English*]

SHRI SOMNATH RATH (Aska): Central Government has laid stress on rural electrification, and different schemes to be implemented in the States are also funded

by it. Villages under Kokalaba, Tarasing Gereda and other gram panchayats in Ganjam district, Orissa are mostly inhabited by Adivasis, Harijans and small farmers. A survey has disclosed that there is sufficient under-ground water available in this area. But, for want of electricity there could be no lift irrigation. The people of this area have been demanding electrification for many years, but the schemes already prepared are not being implemented to the full extent, and some other schemes yet remain to be implemented. It is high time that under the rural electrification schemes, the Union Government takes immediate action for electrification of this area.

(vi) Demand for a direct train from Bangalore to Eastern Uttar Pradesh and Bihar via Gorakhpur and Lucknow

SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER (Bangalore South): At present, there is no direct train facility from Bangalore to eastern U.P. and Bihar. There are a number of passengers who have been travelling to Bihar and eastern Uttar Pradesh daily from Bangalore, particularly to Lucknow. They are finding it extremely difficult to travel from Bangalore to these places, as there is no direct service. They have to break journey at some junction at odd hours, to catch another train. There are no reservations in the connecting trains.

I, therefore, request the Government to introduce a direct express train from Bangalore to eastern U.P. and Bihar via Gorakhpur-Lucknow, either via Secunderabad or Renigunta-Jolarpettai.

[*Translation*]

(vii) Demand for a T.V. Relay Centre at Sapshringi and Ankal areas of Nasik (district of Maharashtra)

SHRI S.S. BHOYE (Malegan): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I have raised the mat-